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their actions, or that intemperance should mark their utterances. A code of professional conduct clearly understood and rigorously enforced by public opinion is being slowly developed, and must one day control all teachers worthy of the name.

19. In teaching, as in every other kind of work, the best service is secured by finding the individual best fitted to the particular place as indicated by training, experience, and meritorious service; the National Education Association therefore heartily approves a merit system of promoting teachers and filling vacancies. We assert, furthermore, that the grounds upon which a teacher may apply for a position are preparatory training, experience, and meritorious service—in a word, professional fitness, alone; and that the use of other personal and political arguments to secure appointment is deplorable in the teacher and a serious menace to a high professional standard.

The foregoing principles and aims have been fully considered by the Committee and unanimously recommended to the Active Members of the National Education Association for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

*Committee on Resolutions:*

HOWARD J. ROGERS, *Chairman*,  
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of South Carolina.

Adopted by unanimous vote of Active Members in session, July 1, 1908.

IRWIN SHEPARD,  
*Secretary*

#### CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association announces that the following physicians and scientific men expect to attend the approaching congress at Washington:

Belgium: J. F. Heymans, Ghent.

Denmark: Holger Rodam and Johannes Fibiger, Copenhagen.

Germany: G. Hormann, Munich; Mme. Lydia Rabinowitsch-Kempner, F. Meyer, G. Kirchner, Robert Koch, Gotthold Pannwitz and F. Helm, Berlin; F. Köhler, Werden a. d. Ruhr; Dumpf, Ebsteinburg b. Baden-Baden; W. Schwabe and Uhlmann, Leipzig; W. von Leube, Würzburg.

Great Britain: W. R. Smith, G. A. Heron, C. Theodore Williams, H. Horton-Smith and A. Latham, London; Sheridan Delépine, Manchester; Sims Woodhead, Cambridge; Nathan Raw, Liverpool; N. D. Bardswell, King Edward Sanatorium, Midhurst; R. W. Philip, Edinburgh; William Osler, Oxford.

France: Charles Baradat, Cannes; F. Barbary, Nice; A. Calmette, Lille; Dupeux, Bordeaux; A. J. Magnin and L. Landouzy, Paris; R. Hervé, Lamotte-Beuvron; A. Leune, Versailles, Arloing, Lyons; P. Gallot, Mentone.

Italy: Umberto Gabbi, Messina; Massalongo, Verona; Eduardo Maragliano, Genoa.

Greece: Bastile Patrikios, Athens.

Holland: C. F. J. Blocker, Voorburg; R. de Josselin de Jong, Rotterdam.

Norway: F. Harbitz, Christiania; Herm. Gade, Hagekiken pr. Bergen.

Austria: Reisinger, Komitau i Böhmen; Lang, H. von Schroetter, Bartel, C. von Pirquet and H. Riedl, Vienna; A. Taussig, J. Dvorack and T. Altschul, Prague.

Roumania: J. Mitulescu, Bucharest.

Russia: S. von Unterberger, N. Th. von Tschigaieff and A. A. Wladimiroff, St. Petersburg.

Sweden: Karl Petren, Upsala; K. O. Medin, Stockholm.

Switzerland: Spengler, Davos-Platz; Th. Exchaquet, Leysin; Egger, Basle.

Spain: Jose Chabas, Valencia; A. Martinez-Vargas, Barcelona.

Hungary: H. Preisz, Budapest.

#### COLLECTIONS OF MINERALS FROM ONTARIO

A PRIZE of \$100 is offered by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, mining engineer of Toronto, for the

best collection of minerals collected in the province of Ontario during the year 1908 by any one not employed as a collector by a public institution or dealer in minerals. The collection must contain at least thirty mineral species, and it is suggested that where convenient the size of the specimens should be 2 x 3 inches. Each specimen must be labeled with the exact locality from which it was obtained, and the date on which it was collected. No specimen will be considered unless it is so labeled. A typewritten list of the specimens, with names of minerals and localities, in triplicate, together with a declaration stating that they were personally collected by the signer of such declaration in the province of Ontario in 1908 at the localities stated, with the post-office address of the collector, must accompany each collection. The collections must be addressed: "Examiners, Tyrell Prize, Government Assay Office, Belleville, Ont.," and must be sent, *prepaid*, to the Government Assay Office, Belleville, Ontario, on or before December 1, 1908, where they will be opened and examined jointly by Professor Nicol, of the School of Mining, Kingston, and Dr. Walker, of Toronto University. If requested the collections will be returned, charges collect, as soon as possible after the prize is awarded.

#### LECTURES ON HYGIENE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

It is proposed to give next year at Cornell University a course of public lectures on hygiene and public health. These lectures are to be given in cooperation with the state department of health. A committee of the university faculty has adopted a provisional scheme for the first term under which the following course of lectures has been arranged:

October 8—Introductory lecture by President Schurman.

October 13 and 15—"Public Health Administration," E. H. Porter, M.D., State Health Commissioner.

October 20—"Epidemiology," Arthur Newsholme, M.D., health officer, Brighton, England.

October 22—To be announced; foreign visitor.

October 27—"The Relation of the State to the Health of the Rural Community," R. A. Pearson, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

October 29—To be announced; Dr. W. L. Russell.

November 3 and 5—"Social Problems in their Relation to the Public Health," Professor J. W. Jenks.

November 10 and 12—"The Public Health Law," A. H. Seymour, Secretary of the State Department of Health.

November 17, 19 and 24—"The Various Aspects of Vital Statistics," Professor Walter F. Willcox.

December 1—"Public Morality," John B. Huber, M.D., lecturer on tuberculosis, State Department of Health.

December 3—"The Influence of the Action of the Laws of Heredity upon Public Health," Professor S. H. Gage.

December 8—"Voluntary Organization in Public Health Work," Homer Folks, member of the tuberculosis advisory board, State Department of Health.

December 10, 15 and 17—"Bacteriology and Comparative Epidemiology," Professor V. A. Moore.

January 5—"Recent Results of Research upon Causation and Transmission of Malignant Diseases," Professor James Ewing.

January 7—"The Relation of Psychology to Preventive Medicine," Professor E. B. Titchener.

January 12 and 14—"Immunity and Epidemiology," Herbert P. Pease, M.D., director of the hygienic laboratory, State Department of Health.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR RUFUS I. COLE, of the Johns Hopkins University, has accepted the directorship of the Research Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute of New York City. He had previously declined the chair of medicine at the University of Michigan.

PROFESSOR HUGO VON SEELIGER, of Munich, has declined a call to the directorship of the Astrophysical Observatory at Potsdam.

DR. HOMER D. HOUSE has been appointed associate director in the Biltmore Forest School.

DR. RAYMOND H. POND, has been appointed biologist of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of New York.